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SUBJECT: WU MEI-TSUN NAMED AS NEW ROC AMBASSADOR TO SAUDI ARABIA

1. WU MEI-TS'UN, 53-YEAR OLD DIRECTOR OF THE ROC EXPORT PROCESSING ZONES HAS BEEN NAMED ROC AMBASSADOR TO SAUDI ARABIA, REPLACING T'EN PAO-TAI WHO WILL BE RETURNING TO TAIPEI FOR REASSIGNMENT AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. ACCORDING TO DIRECTOR OF PROTOCOL LIU PANG-YEN (PHILIP LIU), WU WAS NAMED TO THE JIDDAH POST BECAUSE THE SAUDI ARABIANS HAVE ASKED FOR ASSISTANCE IN ESTABLISHING THEIR OWN EXPORT PROCESSING ZONE BASED ON DEVELOPMENT OF PETROCHEMICAL AND RELATED INDUSTRIES. ALTHOUGH NEITHER A CAREER DIPLOMAT NOR AN ARAB EXPERT, WU FOR THE PAST SEVEN YEARS HAS BEEN A KEY FIGURE IN THE SUCCESSFUL OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF

THE ROC EXPORT PROCESSING ZONES. HIGHLY RESPECTED BY PREMIER CHIANG CHING-KUO, WU SPEAKS FLUENT ENGLISH AND
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HAS STRONG KUOMINTANG TIES. HE IS WIDELY TRAVELLED

AND IN MARCH 1973 VISITED BOTH JORDAN AND SAUDI ARABIA
WITH FINANCE MINISTER K.T. LI. A 1968 IV GRANTEE, WU
HAS BEEN VERY COOPERATIVE IN DEALINGS WITH EMBASSY TAIPEI
OFFICIALS.

2. BIO-DATA:

A. WU MEI-TS'UN (AKA M.T. WU) (0702/2734/2625). DPOB:
ANKING , ANHWEI ON OCTOBER 4, 1921. MARRIED WITH THREE
SONS AND ONE DAUGHTER.

B. ACADEMIC TRAINING: B.S. IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING,
NATIONAL WU-HAN UNIVERSITY (1943); GRADUATE STUDENT
TRAINING COURSE, WESTINGHOUSE ELECTRIC CORP., USA (1958-
1959); NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE, ROC (1966-1967).

C. IMPORTANT POSITIONS: SENIOR SPECIALIST, INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ECONOMIC STABILIZATION BOARD , ROC;
ENGINEER, CENTRAL ELECTRIC CORP; NATIONAL RESOURCES
COMMISSION, ROC; SENIOR SPECIALIST, COUNCIL FOR US AID;
DIRECTOR, INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND INVESTMENT CENTER,
COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND
DEVELOPMENT (CIECD); DIRECTOR, KOAHSIUNG EXPORT PROCESSING
ZONE (1967-1973); DIRECTOR, EXPORT PROCESSING ZONE
ADMINISTRATION (1973-1974).

D. PUBLICATIONS (THROUGH 1968): "INDUSTRIAL AND CON-
SUMER'S DURABLE GOODS"; " THE DEVELOPMENT OF SMALL AND
MEDIUM INDUSTRIES IN TAIWAN"; "THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN
INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND NATIONAL DEFENSE".

E. TRAVEL ABROAD: WU HAS TRAVELLED EXTENSIVELY ABROAD;
TO THE UNITED STATES, THAILAND, KOREA, NETHERLANDS,
BELGIUM, IRELAND, ENGLAND, GERMANY, ISRAEL, VIETNAM, SINGAPORE
SAUDI ARABIA, JORDAN, PUERTO RICO, ITALY, PHILIPPINES.
MOST TRAVEL ABROAD HAS BEEN WITH ROC ECONOMIC/INDUSTRIAL
MISSIONS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF 56 WEEKS IN THE US IN

1958-59 TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WESTINGHOUSE GRADUATE TRAINING

COURSE. IN ADDITION, HE WAS IN THE US FOR SEVEN
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WEEKS IN 1968 AS AN INTERNATIONAL VISITOR GRANT
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